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SUBJECT: POLISH TARIFF ANNOUNCED

REF (A) WARSAW 6664 (NOTAL); (B) STATE 235933 (NOTAL)

1. THE WARSAW DAILY ZYCIE WARSZAWY REPORTED ON OCTOBER 22 THAT POLAND WILL INTRODUCE AN IMPORT TARIFF ON JANUARY 1, 1976. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, CHANGES IN THE SYSTEM OF MANAGING, PLANNING, AND FINANCING THE ECONOMY HAVE CREATED CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A TARIFF CAN BE AN EFFECTIVE REGULATOR OF FOREIGN TRADE ACTIVITY. THE TARIFF IS EXPECTED TO HELP BALANCE IMPORTS WITH THE SUPPLY OF HARD CURRENCY, AND TO

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IMPROVE EXPORT PERFORMANCE. OTHER MEASURES THAT WOULD

AFFECT FOREIGN TRADE ARE ALSO SAID TO BE UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. THE TARIFF WILL USE THE BRUSSELS TARIFF NOMENCLATURE, AND WILL HAVE ABOUT 2100 ENTRIES. POLAND WILL GRANT MFN TREATMENT TO ALL COUNTRIES THAT GRANT SUCH TREATMENT TO IT. OTHER COUNTRIES WILL FACE TRAIFFS APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT HIGHER. RATES WILL BE LOWEST FOR RAW MATERIALS, HIGHER FOR SEMI-FINISHED PRODUCTS, AND HIGHEST FOR FINISHED GOODS. THE LEVEL OF THE DUTIES WILL ALSO DEPEND ON WHETHER THE PRODUCT IS EXPORTED BY POLAND. THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND MARITIME ECONOMY WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO REDUCE TARIFF RATES BELOW THE MFN RATES FOR MERCHANDISE IMPORTED FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND HE MAY ALSO CHANGE THE RATE FOR A SPECIFIED TIME IF WARRANTED BY ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. THE CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION WILL CALCULATE THE TARIFF AND CLEAR ACCOUNTS WITH THE FOREIGN TRADE ENTERPRISES.

3. THE ARTICLE NOTES THAT POLAND HAS BEEN THE ONLY COUNTRY BELONGING TO GATT THAT DID NOT POSSESS A CUSTOMS TARIFF.

4. COMMENT: THE ARTICLE DOES NOT MENTION WHETHER THE TARIFF WILL APPLY TO TRADE WITH OTHER CEMA COUNTEIES. WE WILL INVESTIGATE AND ADVISE.

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